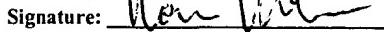




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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated 15 June 2004 in the above-referenced application. Accordingly, a petition for a one-month extension of time, and the fee therefor accompany this response. Reconsideration of the application in light of the following claim amendments and accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.